

October 28, 1938

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Sargent:

The following suggestions are submitted concerning names in California mentioned in Mr. Staack's letter of July 7, 1937:

San Gabriel Mountains

This name as provisionally used on the advance sheets of the Mount Emma, Acton, Ravenna, Swarthout, Mt. Baden Powell, Crystal Lake, Waterman Mountain, Alder Creek, Mount Gleason, Trail Canyon, Little Tujunga, Camp Baldy, Camp Bonita, Camp Rincon, Chileno Canyon, Mt. Wilson, Mt. Lowe, Ever Canyon, and La Verne quadrangles, conforms to the decision of October 5, 1927, as given on page 666 of the Sixth Report, and may be used without a new decision under Rule B-13 of the "Statement for Guidance". It would doubtless be better if the existing decision were worded more definitely concerning the boundary of the mountains on the north, but I do not see that a restatement of the decision is essential for present needs, or that any uncertainty or confusion is likely to arise.

Santa Clara River and Soledad Canyon

It should be recognized that the name Santa Clara River applies to a water feature and Soledad Canyon to a land form, and that the two may, and doubtless do, overlap. Both these names seem to be usable on one or another of the Tujunga, San Fernando, Santa Susana, Piru, Santa Paula, Hueneme, Camulos, Mt. Emma, Acton, Ravenna, Lang, Humphreys, Saugus, and Castiac quadrangles, without decision under Rules B-19 and B-22 of the "Statement for Guidance". The Geological Survey doubtless has information as to those parts of the valley of Santa Clara River where the character of the valley, or local usage, may make it desirable to add the canyon name. If there is conflict or uncertainty as to the application of either or both names, then the Geological Survey should submit a definite recommendation for a decision or for decisions with evidence in favor of the decisions that it desires.

Tujunga Canyon

It should be recognized that the name Tujunga Creek is properly applicable to a water feature, and that the names Tujunga Valley, Tujunga Canyon, and Tujunga Wash are properly applicable to land form features,

and that two or more of these names may be properly used on the same map. The Geological Survey doubtless has adequate information as to which of these names is justified by the character of the feature, or by local usage, at one or another place. If there is conflict or uncertainty as to the application of one or more of the names, then the Geological Survey should submit a definite recommendation for a decision or for decisions with evidence in favor thereof. Justification for the use of the name Tujunga Canyon, without a new decision may be found in the existing decision of January 9, 1924, as given on page 771 of the Sixth Report. The names Tujunga Creek, Tujunga Valley, and Tujunga Wash are perhaps usable without new decisions under Rules B-19 and B-22 of the "Statement for Guidance", but local usage of "Big Tujunga Canyon", "Big Tujunga Creek", and "Big Tujunga Wash" (?) mentioned in Mr. Staack's letter of July 7, 1937, may invalidate such use, and require decisions under Rule A-6 of the "Statement for Guidance."

San Antonio Peak (or Mountain)

The decision of Feb. 2, 1891, was on the question of the use of San Antonio as against Baldy, North Bald Peak, or Old Baldy. This decision, in the form in which it is printed in the 6th Report, seems to be adequate, except as to use of the generic term. According to present practice, the use of a descriptive term, such as mountain, in that part of the decision which follows the bold face name, is not regarded as requiring that the word be used as the generic part of the map name. I believe that a revised decision is unnecessary.

San Antonio Ridge (or Mountains)

The name San Antonio Ridge, as applied to the ridge in the San Gabriel Mountains which extends west from San Antonio Peak to the 7287-foot summit about 1 mile west of Iron Mountain, seems to have been used only on the advance sheets of the Camp Baldy and Camp Bonita quadrangles. I believe that it is an unnecessary name, which can be omitted from the engraved maps, and that a formal decision is not necessary.

The name San Antonio Mountains as applied to a ridge in secs. 27, 28, 29, and 31, T. 2 N., R. 7 W., San Bernardino County, seems to have been used only on the Cucamonga quadrangle. I believe this name is unnecessary and can be omitted from future editions without a formal decision.

The name San Antonio Mountains, which the Geological Survey reports as having been used on "an official county map" for a ridge in T. 3 N., Rs. 8, 9, and 10 W., Los Angeles County, does not seem to have been used on other maps. I believe a name for this ridge is unnecessary, and that the name can be omitted from the Geological Survey's maps without formal decision.

If the Geological Survey desires to use the name San Antonio Ridge or San Antonio Mountains, as above, a request for decision should be submitted with proposed definition.

San Gabriel River and tributaries

The name San Gabriel River, as applied to the main stream formed by the confluence of Prairie Fork with Vincent Gulch in sec. 16, T. 3 N., R. 8 W., and that flows southwesterly, partly as intermittent drainage, to Alamitos Bay, may be used without decision under Rules B-19 and B-22 of the "Statement for Guidance", - unless there be local usage in favor of the name "East Fork San Gabriel River" which the Geological Survey used on the "advance sheets" of the Mt. Baden Powell, Camp Bonita, and Camp Rincon quadrangles. If there be such local usage, then the name should be submitted for decision under Rule A-6 of the "Statement for Guidance." The use of the name East Fork San Gabriel River on the above cited "advance sheets" is not a "published usage", and in my opinion would not, in itself, require the submitting of the name for decision under Rule A-6.

The use of the name San Gabriel Canyon for part of the valley of San Gabriel River, as on the Pomona quadrangle, may be permissible, and perhaps may be justified, but I believe that such usage had best be avoided whenever possible. I suggest that name be omitted, or decision requested.

The name North Fork San Gabriel River as applied to the stream formed by the confluence of Soldier and Coldbrook Creeks in sec. 5, T. 2 N., R. 9 W., is apparently usable without decision under Rules B-19 and B-22 of the "Statement for Guidance", unless you have information as to other local usage.

The name West Fork San Gabriel River as applied to the stream that heads near Red Box Gap, sec. 14, T. 2 N., R. 12 W., should also be usable without decision under Rules B-19 and B-22 of the "Statement for Guidance" unless there be contrary local usage.

Mount Baden-Powell

The decision of January 7, 1931, printed in the 6th Report, page 112, approving the above name, does not reject the name North Baldy Peak as applied to the 9131-foot peak in sec. 14, T. 3 N., R. 9 W., Los Angeles County, Calif. The purpose of the decision was to avoid duplication, and it should be assumed that "Not North Baldy" applies only to the peak that was renamed. The Forest Service has continued to use the name North Baldy Peak for the peak in sec. 14, T. 3 N., R. 9 W., and other organizations may also do so without a new decision.

In view of the above suggestions, you may perhaps wish to withdraw for clarification the rather indefinite requests for decisions contained in Mr. Staack's letter of July 7, 1937, and to submit new requests for decisions on those names that may seem to require them.

Executive Secretary.